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 ELONGATE ELEMENT DESIGNED TO FORM SUCH
 A NIB
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 20, 2003
 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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